

**- Hall Says Economic Recovery Needs to Focus on Middle Class and Small Businesses**

*Washington, DC* – U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-Dover) released the following statement in response to President Obama's State of the Union address tonight.

"I am glad that tonight the President expressed a renewed commitment to creating jobs and to an economic recovery that focuses on the middle class and small businesses. The center of our economic recovery needs to be the middle class and small business, not big banks on Wall Street. That is why I'm particularly glad that the President announced his commitment to tax incentives I've been fighting for: middle class tax cuts and tax breaks that allow small businesses to expand and purchase new equipment. The President mentioned several vital and landmark legislative initiatives that I was proud to vote for in the House, but are unfortunately still languishing in the Senate. The American people need action from the Senate on these bills now: a meaningful jobs creating package, strong Wall Street reform, and a renewable energy package that will create green-collar jobs here at home and make America the world leader in the clean energy economy. I look forward to working with the Senate and the President to making these vital jobs creating bills law."

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